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What is claimed is:


1.      A method for training a user to perform a task which includes movement of two or more items from a randomized state to an organized state, the method comprising:

representing in a computer the items in the randomized state;

moving the items as represented within the computer in accordance with signals generated by the user; and

verifying in the computer that the items as moved are in the organized state.


2.      The method of Claim 1 wherein the task is packing retail carrier bags.


3.      The method of Claim 1 wherein the task includes movement of two or more items from a randomized state to an organized state within a container.


4.      The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

quantifying a score for the user based on one or more rules governing the organized state.


5.      The method of Claim 4 wherein the organized state is a state of the items packed in at least one carrier.


6.      The method of Claim 5 wherein quantifying comprises:

determining that a crushable one of the items in the organized state is in a lower position within the carrier.


7.      The method of Claim 5 wherein quantifying comprises:

determining that a breakable one of the items in the organized state is in a lower

corner position within the carrier.


8.      The method of Claim 5 wherein the at least one carrier includes two or more

carriers and further wherein quantifying comprises:

      measuring distribution of weight among the two or more carriers.


9.      The method of Claim 5 wherein quantifying comprises:

      determining a number of items per carrier in the organized state.


10.     The method of Claim 5 wherein quantifying comprises:

      determining an amount of time taken to perform the task to achieve the organized

state.


11.     The method of Claim 4 further comprising:

      recording the score along with one or more other previously quantified scores for

the user in a database accessible to administrators through a computer network.


12.     A computer readable medium useful in association with a computer which

includes a processor and a memory, the computer readable medium including computer

instructions which are configured to cause the computer to train a user to perform a task which

includes movement of two or more items from a randomized state to an organized state by:

      representing in a computer the items in the randomized state;

      moving the items as represented within the computer in accordance with signals

generated by the user; and

      verifying in the computer that the items as moved are in the organized state.


13.     The computer readable medium of Claim 12 wherein the task is packing retail

carrier bags.

14.     The computer readable medium of Claim 12 wherein the task includes movement of two or more items from a randomized state to an organized state within a container.

15.     The computer readable medium of Claim 12 wherein the computer instructions are configured to cause the computer to train the user to perform the task by also:
        quantifying a score for the user based on one or more rules governing the
organized state.

16.     The computer readable medium of Claim 15 wherein the organized state is a state of the items packed in at least one carrier.

17.     The computer readable medium of Claim 16 wherein quantifying comprises:
        determining that a crushable one of the items in the organized state is in a lower
position within the carrier.

18.     The computer readable medium of Claim 16 wherein quantifying comprises:
        determining that a breakable one of the items in the organized state is in a lower
corner position within the carrier.

19.     The computer readable medium of Claim 16 wherein the at least one carrier includes two or more carriers and further wherein quantifying comprises:
        measuring distribution of weight among the two or more carriers.

20.     The computer readable medium of Claim 16 wherein quantifying comprises:
        determining a number of items per carrier in the organized state.

21.    The computer readable medium of Claim 16 wherein quantifying comprises:

determining an amount of time taken to perform the task to achieve the organized

state.


22.    The computer readable medium of Claim 15 wherein the computer instructions

are configured to cause the computer to train the user to perform the task by also:

recording the score along with one or more other previously quantified scores for

the user in a database accessible to administrators through a computer network.


23.    A computer system comprising:

a processor;

a memory operatively coupled to the processor; and

a training module (i) which executes in the processor from the memory and (ii)

which, when executed by the processor, causes the computer to train a user to perform a

task which includes movement of two or more items from a randomized state to an

organized state by:

representing in a computer the items in the randomized state;

moving the items as represented within the computer in accordance with

signals generated by the user; and

verifying in the computer that the items as moved are in the organized

state.


24.    The computer system of Claim 23 wherein the task is packing retail carrier bags.


25.    The computer system of Claim 23 wherein the task includes movement of two or

more items from a randomized state to an organized state within a container.


26.    The computer system of Claim 23 wherein the training module, when executed by

the processor, causes the computer to train the user to perform the task by also:

quantifying a score for the user based on one or more rules governing the
organized state.

27.     The computer system of Claim 26 wherein the organized state is a state of the
items packed in at least one carrier.

28.     The computer system of Claim 27 wherein quantifying comprises:
determining that a crushable one of the items in the organized state is in a lower
position within the carrier.

29.     The computer system of Claim 27 wherein quantifying comprises:
determining that a breakable one of the items in the organized state is in a lower
corner position within the carrier.

30.     The computer system of Claim 27 wherein the at least one carrier includes two or
more carriers and further wherein quantifying comprises:
measuring distribution of weight among the two or more carriers.

31.     The computer system of Claim 27 wherein quantifying comprises:
determining a number of items per carrier in the organized state.

32.     The computer system of Claim 27 wherein quantifying comprises:
determining an amount of time taken to perform the task to achieve the organized
state.

33.     The computer system of Claim 26 wherein the training module, when executed by
the processor, causes the computer to train the user to perform the task by also:

recording the score along with one or more other previously quantified scores for the user in a database accessible to administrators through a computer network.